A Mechanical Account OF THE CAUSE and CURE OF A Virulent Gonorrhæa IN BOTH SEXES,

Wherein is plainly Demonſtrated, as well from the Nature and Seat of that Diſeaſe, as the Experience of ſeveral Years Practice, that its Cure is Safer, Eaſier and ſooner Effected by *Topical Applications* only, than by any manner of *Phyſick* taken by the Mouth.

To which is added by way of APPENDIX a ſhort Account of the CAUSE and CURE of the WHITES in WOMEN.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

WHEN I first entered upon the Thoughts of Writing the following Sheets, I was very much at a loss about the Persons to whom, and the manner how I should Address my self; In the first place I concluded that the Phylicians and Chyrurgeons, would be the best Judges, as to the Theorick part, but then it would be Expected that I should Write as becoms one of the Profession, whereby a great part of the Discourse would have been Clouded with

hard Terms of Art, and Obſcure Sentences, and the whole have appeared an unintelligible Lecture to ſuch as are deſigned to have the greateſt benefit of it, I mean thoſe as labour under this Diſeaſe; ſo that Talking like a Phyſician, *would have been to ſuch (according to the old Proverb) Talking like an* Apothecary: *In the next place I conſidered that if I ſhould make theſe* Medicines *Publick to the World, I might be thought by ſome to Encourage the Reigning Vice of the Age, and on the contrary if I did not Publiſh them, I might as well have ſaid nothing; amidſt theſe Diſputs with my ſelfe, I at laſt Reſolved (as far as Modeſtly I could) to Endeavour to pleaſe all, that is to Write naked Truth, or at leaſt in a Dreſs ſuited to the meaneſt Capacity, yet not ſo very deſpicable but that Phyſicians and Chyrurgeons may obſerve I have had ſome Regard to the Faculty, and although I have not diſcovered the Medicines Verbatim, yet I have given ſuch hints throughout the whole Diſcourſe, as may (as it were) lead a ſenſible Man by the Hand, even to an improbability of miſing the Receipts themſelves, but* Qui nucleum e nuce vult excorticat nucem: *And that I may be as ſerviceable to the other Sort, I have let them know where they may furniſh themſelves with the Medicines here mentioned, with ample Directions for the Uſe of them; ſometimes I have thoughts of Communicating my deſign to ſome Phyſicians and Chyrurgeons of my Acquaintance, in order to their approbation, but then I conſidered that could not well be done, without letting them into the Secret; however to ſupply that Defect, I have often in converſation with ſuch, urged the reaſonableneſs of ſuch a Practice, and have all along in the following Treatiſe, Anſwered ſuch Objections, as I at any time met with; beſides that ſince I have generally Practiſed this way, my Patients are for the moſt part Cured for leſs than half the Expence they were put to by any of the*

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Common Methods, and ſo I may be ſaid to be a Looſer by what I have attained with ſo much Labour and Study, *to retreive which in any meaſure had been impoſſible, if I ſhould at preſent make a Diſcovery of the Applications, the Uſefulneſs whereof I Doubt not will recommend them above any other Method whatſoever; though perhaps I may hereafter Publiſh a Second Treatiſe that may be a further ſatisfaction to all perſons that ſhall Read it.*

In the mean time I ſee no reaſon why any Perſon ſhould be offended hereat, ſince I have given Room enough to the Ingenious to Employ their thoughts, and Oppertunity to the Unfortunate, to Cure themſelves for a very ſmall Charge, and little or no Trouble, when I am ſatisfied that ſome Perſons of Diſtinction (who may unwarily meet with this Misfortune) would be pleaſed to give ten times as much as the purchaſe of my Remedies amounts to, to avoid a Nauſious Courſe of Slip Slops, together with the hazard of being diſcovered, and their Reputations thereby Entirely loſt, which by this Method can be in no danger, if a Perſon can be true to himſelf: Nor is the Conſtitution in danger thereby, which cannot be ſaid of ſtrong Purgation by Bolus's and Pills, &c. But after all I am not unſenſible of the great oppoſition I am like to meet with, every one being inclineable to Condemn what they do not underſtand.

And not only ſo but for the ſake of having an Old Method brought into Diſgrace, and the Guineas to be gotten thereby, dwindled or reduced to Crown-Peices; but let theſe Gentlemen (whoſe Practice is oftentimes fatally prov'd more to Demoliſh than Reſtore Conſtitutions) Act as they pleaſe, and make what Objections they can, when I am weary of Scribling I ſhall refer them to Hudibraſs.

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——————Prov'd it by the Practice,
No Argument like matter of Fact is.

But it may here be Asked why I keep the Medicines a Secret and my Name alſo, why I do not Diſcover the place of my abode? That application may be made to me upon theſe Occaſions; to both which I anſwer, that as Truth is Truth, come from whence it will, ſo a Name Added to a Medicine, cannot make it more or leſs Succeſsful; beſides I have taken care, that at the Places where Theſe Things are to be had, a Perſon of Sufficient Abilities will be allways reads to be Adviſed with, in any thing relating to theſe matters.

As to what is contain'd in my Book, my Method, and Medicines, they are all entirely New, not known to any Perſon upon Earth beſides my ſelf, tho' I am not Ignorant, that Dr. Cockborne *wrote a ſmall Treatiſe ſome Years ago, in favour of ſuch a kind of Practice, but never brought it to any tolerable Method, as this of mine is, its true he recommends an Injection, but whoever ſhall depend upon one Single Medicine, in theſe Caſes, or think to Anſwer the Three Intentions of Cure by one Injection only will find himſelf woefully miſtaken; for though (as I have obſerved in the following Diſcourſe) Slight Infections do ſometimes go off ſo, yet the Accidents of the more Virulent are generally Increaſed thereby, and would by ſuch a Method ſtill be rendered worſe, and conſequently do a great deal more injury than good.*

The Theories Advanced here are not Chimerical Notions, on purpoſe contrived to ſhew the Probability of this New Method, but on the contrary, are founded upon the conſtant Succeſs of many Years Experience of the Medicines, and therefore thoſe that like not theſe Reaſons,

Reaſons, and Conſiderations are at their Liberty to offer others, but I preſume they cannot annul matter of Fact; and indeed I think it is no great matter as to the Pationt, whether he be Cured by this or that Remedy, ſo that he meets with a ſpeedy, Eaſie, and ſafe Cure, which hitherto I never miſſed of Effecting.

I have one thing more to Adverti ſe my Reader of, and that is, that he muſt not expect that this Method will Cure a confirmed Pox, or any Syptoms of it when the Maſs of Blood is Infected, it being purely Calculated for the Cure of a Gonorrhaea or Running of the Reins, tho' I have many times known a Soreneſs in the Groins, with ſmall Kernels there, which have (by this new Method) quite diſappeared upon the Cure of the Gonorrhaea, without any ſupervening Ill Accidents; this I think fit the rather to mention, that it might not be a terror to thoſe who have any ſuch Symptoms upon them; the Reaſons of which will appear in the following Diſcourſe. And I have taken all Imaginable Care to avoid, as much as the Nature of the thing would admit of) all obſcene Language throughout the whole Work, that I might not give offence to the moſt modeſt Reader.

An undertaking of this kind which runs ſo Diametrically oppoſite to all the known Methods, I know may be looked upon as very daring and bold, Eſpecially in this great City which for, Learning exceeds any one Place in the World, and truly I ſhould not have ventured to Publiſh any thing of this kind, had I not been Supported by undeniable Fact, which I hope will gain me the favour of all the Learned part, and as for the ignorant Pretenders who are the greateſt Enemies to Health, and Carpers, I do not Intend to trouble my Head much about them.

Carpere vel noli noſtra vel Ede tua.

No Phyſick; or Directions, &c.

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I *Mary Griffith*, having for Ten Weeks been ſorely afflicted with a *Virulent Gonorrhœa*, and other *Evil Symptoms* and my ſmall Subſtance being exhauſted in *Phyſick*, rather to my Prejudice than Relief: I was at length happily recommended to the Uſe of the above-named *Injections*. I Apply'd the Firſt, and to my great Suprize found in three Days time perfect Eaſe, by the diſcharge of a vaſt Quantity of Foetid Matter from the Parts affected; and by the Application of the Second, and Third, I was effectually Reſtor'd to my former Health, all in the ſpace of 8 Days. This I think my ſelf obliged to teſtifie, as well in *Gratitude* to the *Gentleman* who Cured me, as for the Good of others who labour under the ſame Misfortune; which I am ready to Aſſert to any one that pleaſe to enquire for me at Mr. *Cliſton's*, at the *Golden Horſe-ſhoe* in *Fiſhmonger-Alley*, *Southwark*; Witneſs my Hand,

April 6. 1719. *Mary Griffith.*

All theſe three *Injections*, (with proper Inſtruments, and ample Directions for their Uſe) may be had of Mr. *Jemeſon* at the *Thiſtle* and *Crown* in *Market Lane*, near St. *James's-Market*; at the *Bull and Gate Inn*, in *High Holborn*; and at Mr. *Cliſton's*, a Victualler, at the *Horſe-ſhoe* in *Fiſhmonger-Alley*, *Southwark*; and no where elſe in *London*. Price Twenty four Shillings; where *Advice* may be likewiſe had in all Venereal Caſes whatſoever *Gratis*, and a Cure compleated on reaſonable Terms.

Thoſe Perſons that are willing to commit themſelves to the Care of a Gentleman, (who may be ſpoke with at the Places where theſe Remedies are Sold) if they do not meet with a Safe, Eaſy and Effectual *Cure*, they ſhall have their Money return'd.

This certainly bears the Face of Candour and Honeſty, which may be entirely relied on; but I muſt inform the Reader, (to prevent Miſtakes) that this *New Method* was never intended to cure every Degree of the *French Pox*, but only adapted to that particular part of the Venereal Diſeaſe commonly call'd the *Running of the Reins*; which is, generally ſpeaking, the Foundation of the moſt malignant Symptoms of this Kind, if Neglected or ill manag'd, and in that Caſe recourſe muſt be had to other *Methods*.

I might here tell you particularly that by this *New Method* there is a farther Uſe and Convenience (*viz.*) a *Security* even from the *Infection* it ſelf, when any Perſon has frolick'd to a Degree, or unwarily run the Hazard of taking it.

N. B. If the Patient be a Man, ask for an Inſtrument and Directions for Men; if a Woman, ask for an Inſtrument and Directions for Women.

The *Gentleman* to be ſpoke with at Mr. *Jemeſon's*, betwixt the Hours of 9 and 11; at the *Bull and Gate Inn*, all the Morning; at *Cowper's Coffee-Houſe*, at Change Time; and at the *Horſe-ſhoe*, betwixt 4 and 6, or will wait of any Perſon at their Lodgings.

A Mechanical Account OF THE CAUSE and CURE OF A *Virulent Gonorrhœa*, &c.

Gonorrhœa, according to the ſtrictneſs of the Word, ſignifies no more than an Involuntary Flux of Seed, *Sine venere, vel nocturnis Imaginibus*, as *Celſus* hath it: But that Phyſicians ſhould apply that name to Venereal Runnings of the Virge, to me is very

vear unaccountable, and a Clear Demonſtration that they were entirely Ignorant both of the Cauſe and Cure of that Diſtemper. But however as plain as this matter will be made in the following Diſſertation, ſo prevailing hath this notion been ever ſince the Venereal Diſeaſe began in *Europe*, as that moſt Authors who have wrote upon that Subject have falſely Imagined all Venerial Runnings from the *Urethra* to be only Seed Corrupted by Venereal Miaſms; the contrary to which will plainly appear by the following Reaſons.

Firſt, Then if the Running be Seed Corrupted by the Venereal Infections, it neceſſarily follows that thoſe Infectious particles muſt be conveyed to the common Repoſitories of the Seed, which they cannot be without firſt corroding thoſe Glands or rather Spincters placed at the exit of the Ducts leading from the *Veſiculæ Seminales*, &c. To the *Urethra*, and ulcerating the Veſiculæ themſelves;

ſelves; the effect of which would be a conſtant diſcharge of the Semen, never to be cured; if we conſider the thinneſs, and fineneſs of thoſe little Bladders which cannot have Juices brought to them in any Quantity for Incarnation.

A *Second* Reaſon may be taken from the Experienced uſe of *Diureticks*, in the Common Methods of Curing a *Gonorrhœa*; *Salmon* in his Annotations upon Doctor *Sydenham* tells us he hath Cured many Recent *Gonorrhœas* by *Diureticks* only: And indeed every Practitioner knows, that perhaps half the Cure depends upon thoſe kind of Medicines; which would be impoſſible were not their Particles conveyed by the Urine to the parts affected; as may be concluded by what I have already mentioned. And for a farther Confirmation of this, it is found by daily Expe-rience, that thoſe Medicines are of little or no uſe in the Cure of Women, if the Ulcerations lye high within the Ute-

rus or Vagina; becauſe then thoſe parts cannot be waſhed by the Urine. Beſides I have known ſeveral Young Gentlemen who in the height of their Runnings have expreſſed a greater deſire of Women than at any other time, which would be wholly otherwiſe, was that Running putrify'd Seed; this has been ſo very manifeſt that many of them have aſſured me, ſometimes in their Dreams, and other times waking, they have Emitted a very large quantity of a pure White tranſparent and tenacious Seed: And I preſume no body doubts, but that Women are ſometimes got with Child by thoſe who have Virulent *Gonorrhœas* upon them, at the ſame time which could not be done, was the natural texture of the Semen broke, or (according to the other notion of Conception) the Small Animalculæ Swimming in the ſeminal Liquor deſtroyed by the Infection. But here I know it may be objected that Parents who have laboured

boured under Venereal Diſeaſes generally beget Children Infected; which is moſt certain. But if the Infection was from the Father in a *Gonorrhæa*, it could not be immediately conveyed in the Semen to the Ovum for the reaſon above, *viz.* The Semen not being infected; but the virulent matter from the Pockey Ulcers muſt firſt Infect the Mother, and ſhe in time, the Child as receiving its full Nouriſhment and Increaſe from her. In old Inveterate Poxes the Caſe is quite otherwiſe, where the whole Maſs of Blood and Juices are concerned, or where the Conſtitution is tainted with any other *Dyſcraſia*: There (I ſay) the Semen may be in one reſpect or other ſo vitiated as not to be able to fecundate the Ovum ſo powerfully as it ought to do——or perhaps in ſuch caſes the Animalcula are more feeble and weak, and conſequently Children Born in ſuch Circumſtances where the very *Stamina Vitæ* are faulty,

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must become weak and morbid, for Seed tho' never so well Elaborated in the Testes yet being produced from bad Blood, must in some measure partake of the same Quality. But here I foresee another Objection which is, that we have Instances from many credible Authors, both in their publick and private Dissections of many Venereal Persons, who have had their *Prostates* eaten away, and the *Vesiculæ Seminales* and *Testes* full of a Yellowish or Greenish Matter, such as was seen before to discharge it self through the Urethra: This indeed at first seems to be an Argument of strength; but in reality is not so. For though the Venereal Infection (if suffered to go on) may produce such Effects, yet as I have said before, such Ulcerations or Corruptions of the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, &c. Are not to be Cured by any Art whatsoever; and therefore Venereal Runnings cannot be Seminal or Corrupted Seed, the

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Incurable ſort only excepted, and ſuch are thoſe mentioned above.

A *Third* Reaſon may be argued from the Effects of Injections, which did they not reach the parts affected would work no alteration: And here I muſt again Anſwer another Objection, which is this; *viz.* Aſtringent Injections untimely uſed, will cauſe Swellings and Inflamations in the Teſtes: Which could not happen, was not the Infecting matter by that means kept in, and thrown back through the Seminal parts upon them.

To this I Anſwer, That every Practitioner knows that a *Paranychia* commonly called a Whitloe in the Finger, will cauſe a Swelling in the Glands of the Arm-pit: And ſo will painful Swellings in the Feet or Toes ſometimes cauſe the like in the Glands of the Groine, which however I ſuppoſe can hardly be imagined to ſend any of the Infecting matter to thoſe parts; but is purely the

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Effect of the intercourſe of the Nerves, being what is commonly called a ſuffering by conſent of parts: And this to me ſeems clearly demonſtrable ſeveral ways: As *Firſt*, I have often known thoſe Tumors in one or both the Teſtes, to have riſen in the very height of a Purging Courſe, when the Running hath been more Plentiful than before: And therefore we have little Reaſon to believe any of the Infecting Matter could fall back to the Teſtes. But let us ſuppoſe a Perſon ſeized with a Painful Tumor in one or both the Teſtes, as juſt now ſaid, I would ask a rational Practitioner what is to be done? Why he will tell me preſently, the Patient ought to bleed, to be kept to a cooling and thin Diet, and perhaps a gentle Purge or two with *Pulp of Caſſia Sal. prunel*, &c. And ſome mollifying Cataplaſm applyed externally which is ſeldom or never known to fail making a Cure. Now, pray conſider what ſuch a method could

could do was there any Venereal Taint in the Teſtes: The bleeding muſt infallibly tend to draw it farther into the Maſs of Blood, and put the Patient upon the hazard of a General Pox: And a Purge or two of *Caſſia*, &c. Are two feeble Inſtruments to Cope with a Venereal Infection, neither can any kind of Cataplaſm carry off any Species of a Venereal Diſeaſe without bringing the part to Suppuration, as in Bubo's. But the true reaſon of ſuch a Cure is, the Blood being thrown into violent Ebullitions by ſtrong Cathartick, which commonly throws off its Recrements upon ſome part or other cauſing an Obſtruction there, whereupon a Tumor and Inflamation follows: Or perhaps the Blood Irritated to ſo Rapid and quick a Motion breaks ſome of the ſmall Fibres in its paſſage through them, and ſo is the Cauſe of an Obſtruction, which might

as well happen upon any Tender or weak part as the Teſtes, tho' in the time of a Painful *Gonorrhœa* a Flux of Humours is more inclinable towards the Genital parts: And therefore it is that bleeding, and a cooling Regimen by taking off the Fervour of the Blood, render the obſtructed Matter capable of being returned into its proper Channels by External Applications, *&c.*

Again, let us ſuppoſe a *Gonorrhœa* untimely ſtopt by Aſtringent Injections, or otherwiſe, and that a Tumor happen upon the Teſtes preſently after, what Method is then to be taken? Why, truly the very ſame only with this Difference, that, according to the common Method, the Malignity of the Diſeaſe is to be purged off, when the Patient has no neceſſity of Purging, ſince I can apply a Medicine immediately to the part affected by the *Gonorrhœa*,

norrhœa, increaſe the Running, and in ſhort do more in order to a Cure in Twelve Hours than any others ſhall be able to effect by their common Courſe in ſo many Days. But to this I ſhall ſpeak more anon.

A *Fourth* Reaſon why the Diſtemper commonly called a *Gonorrhœa* is not a Flux of Seed or Seminal Matter, is, that ſuch a Seminifick Quality cannot reaſonably be ſuppoſed to be in the Teſtes as to Elaborate Seed in any proportion to the Matter we commonly ſee diſcharged: Or were it otherwiſe, ſhould the Blood be robbed of its fineſt and pureſt particles, ſuch as the Seed is made of, the Patient would at once be hurry'd to his Grave: But on the contrary, we find ſome People with ſuch Runnings upon them many Weeks, Months, nay Years, without any conſiderable Weakneſs; but rather receive Benefit there-

by; the Ulcerated parts, like ſo many Iſſues, freeing the Body of many ill Hummours.

Furthermore, was that Virulent Running Seminal, we might Expect a great deal of Difference in reſpect to its Quantity betwixt Perſons very Young and ſuch as are pritty well advanced in Years: This Difference ought at leaſt to bear ſome proportion to the abilities of both, in relation to the quick reiterated performances of Venereal Actions; and what that Difference may be I ſuppoſe there are but few Men of Fifty or Sixty Years of Age that can't Determine, but inſtead of any thing of this kind either in Young or Old we find no Difference in Quantity more than what depends upon the greater or leſs havock made by the Venereal Poiſon, within the *Urethra*, &c.

I might give a great many more Reaſons and Anſwer many little trifling

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ing Objections which may ſeem to lye in the way, but that would be to exceed my deſigned Brevity ſuppoſing that what I have already ſaid is ſufficient to convince any rational Man, that the ſeate of a *Gonorrhœa* is not in the Seminal Parts, neither is the matter diſcharged in Virulent Runnings Seminal or Corrupted Seed: I ſhall therefore proceed to ſhew, *Firſt*, What that Matter is; *Secondly*, From whence it comes; and *Thirdly*, How cauſed.

1. *Firſt*, Then the Running in a *Gonorrhœa* is undoubtedly *Pus*, or Matter as having all the Qualifications of what is generally ſo called, It Firſt appears White, when the Effervescency is in its Infancy, but as the Putrefaction Increaſeth turns more Yellow, and ſometimes Green; all which Colours I have frequently ſeen in Malignant or ill conditioned Ulcers; but moſt commonly in ſuch of them as have had

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their Origin from Venereal or Scrophulous Cauſes.

In common Tumors or Wounds, this Pus is found Sweet, Smooth, White and Thickiſh, and is (as *Etmuller* tells us) the effect of a mutual Efferveſcence betwixt the *Alcaline* Oily parts and the *Acid* which precipitates them into ſuch a matter: But the Caſe in hand is quite otherways; here is an Efferveſcence excited by a Foreign, Poiſonous, Putrefactiue, Ferment, which tho' at its firſt onſet produceth a tolerable Pus yet preſently afterwards ſhews its ſelf in all its Colours, and runs parallel with the moſt Malignant, and Rebellious Ulcers.

But here ſeems to be room for a ſmall Objection, which I cannot well paſs by, and that is this, the inward Parts of the *Urethra* being of a Membranous and Nervous Subſtance is hardly capable of having its Juices converted

converted into Pus. In Anſer to this I would appeal to all the Practiſing Surgeons in the World, and ask if ever they meet with a Digeſtion in the Membranes of the Brain, or any other Nervous parts of the Body? If they ſay, they do not, then I'll be bold to tell them, they never Cure any ſuch Wounds.

And farther, I ſay, it is not the particular Texture or Firmneſs of any part of a Human Body that can defend it againſt the attacks of a Venereal Infection. Don't we ſee the Cartilaginous part of the Noſe very often entirely conſumed by it? And that in a very little time too? Are the hardeſt Bones exempted from its fury? Much leſs can the Nervous and Membranous parts protect themſelves. 'Tis true the harder the parts are, the more likely are they to reſiſt: For which perhaps it may not be Improbable, that the

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Glands of the *Urethra* are the first sufferers, and afterwards very likely the whole Passage it self infected the Neck of the Bladder not excepted; upon which parts, *viz.* The *Urethra* its Glands, and sometimes the Neck of the Bladder. I shall in the Second place Endeavour to fix the Seat of a *Gonorrhæa* in Men, for the following Reasons.

And *First*, I have already sufficiently proved that none of the Seminal parts could be the Seate of a *Gonorrhæa*, and therefore we have no other than the Urinary passage to fix it upon.

Secondly, Was it not in that Passage, no kind of Injecton could have any manner of Effect upon it, the contrary to which every Practitioner knows.

Thirdly, The violent Stranguary that attends the Disease argues a great Tenderness, Rawness, or Inflamation in the Neck of the Bladder: Besides the

the great ſoreneſs complained of by many all along the underſide of the Penis extending its ſelf the whole length of the *Perinæum*, even to the *Anus*; which often puts them upon motions of going to Stool. And this I take to be one Reaſon, why the Symtoms of a *Gonorrhœa* as pain, *&c.* Are often increaſed by violent Puring, the Rectum being Inflamed by an almoſt conſtant Flux of ſharp irritating matter communicates that diſorder to the Neck of the Bladder by the vicinity of their Parts.

Fourthly, A Suppreſſion of Urine, which I have often known in a *Gonorrhœa* without *Caruncles* or any thing like them. About Two Years ago a Man of Thirty Six Years of Age, ſent for me to his Houſe and complained of a Total Suppreſſion of his Urine, with violent Pain about the Neck of his Bladder and Anus: Upon ſearch, I found neither Caruncles, Stone, nor Gravel, but a more than ordinary difficulty in paſſing the Sphincter of the

Bladder. I drew off his Water which was ſucceeded by a conſiderable quantity of a white Purulent matter, through the Catheter: I then caſt up ſome of my Injection, which I forced quite into the Bladder, and ſome of another ſort into the Anus, and then gave him Directions for the uſe of them. By this Method he daily grew better, and the Pus following his Urine grew leſs, ſo that in a Week or nine Days time he was perfectly well. This Perſon told me, that about four or five Months before, he had a *Gonorrhœa* and undergone a ſevere Corſe of Purging, Vomiting, *&c.* But doubtleſs the Infection had laid hold on the Neck of the Bladder, which together with the frequent Ebullitions of the Blood occaſioned by the Phyſick, had Ulcerated, Inflamed and Tumified that part to ſuch a degree, as to cauſe an abſolute Suppreſſion of his Urine. And hence appears the uſefulneſs of *Diureticks* which help conſtanly to clear the whole Urinary Paſſage, and to

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cool and abate Inflamations in those parts; All which Intentions are admirably Answered by my Method, as will appear hereafter.

I might here produce many more Reasons to prove that a Gonorrhæa is nothing; (in short) but an Ulcer raised in the Urinary Passage by the Insinuation of some Virulent or Poisonous Matter: But I think these are sufficient. I shall therefore proceed to inquire into the Seate of that Distemper in Women; which must be either the Vagina or Uterus or both as is in a great measure proved by what I have already said in relation to its Seate in Men, to which I shall only add that the Infecting Matter in Coitu, being cast into the Vagina or Uterus, (either of which Parts are sufficiently qualified for its reception) must of consequence first produce their Effects there, and by its Irritating and Stimulating Quality, cause a great discharge of a Liquor scarcely to be Distinguished from the Whites: And

it is for this reaſon that many Women have the Infection a great while without being made ſenſible of it; for if the Ulcerations are much beyond the Neck of the Bladder, ſo as not to be touched by the Urine, they can have no Diſorder in making Water.

From all that hath been ſaid, it is Evident even beyond all Objection that the Liquor diſcharged in a Virulent *Gonorrhœa* in both Sexes is not Semenal: For Women have no Seed, neither are the Spermatick parts the Seate of the Diſtemper: But the Urethra or Urinary paſſage in Men, and the Vagina or Neck of the Womb or Matrix it ſelf, or both together in Women are undoubtedly its true Seate.

It remains now in the Third place that I ſhould give ſome Account of the Nature of the Infecting Matter, and alſo ſome Mechanical Demonſtrations how it produces its Effect.

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First, Then I ſay the Malignity of the Diſtemper doth conſiſt in a Poiſonous Corroſive Ferment, partly of the Nature of a fixed Saline Cauſtick; And for this I have the Authority of Dr. *Baglivy*, Dr. *Browne*, &c. And which will be eaſily proved by the following Conſiderations.

That the Infecting Matter of the Pox is a Poiſon, appears by the Definition of Poiſons in general, which are ſaid to be ſuch things as are moſt powerful in a ſmall Quantity, and are capable of Deſtroying the Oeconomy of the Vital Motions, and of breaking and diſturbing the Actions both of the Solids and Fluids; all which things Daily Experience teſtifies of the Venereal Infection. But the above Learned Gentlemen give us ſeveral Kinds and Degrees of Poiſons, which however are or may be tolerably reduc'd to theſe three; that is, they either conſiſt in very fine active and volatile parts, as in the Poiſon of the Viper, &c. Which Kills in a few Hours, or in a leſs active matter,

matter, as in the Bite of a Mad-Dog, which produces its Effects more ſlowly, or Laſty in more Groſs or fixed Parts as in the Venereal Diſeaſe; for, was it otherways a Man would be througly Poxed in a few Hours time, and muſt Die in a few Days after.

As to the Conſtituent parts of the Infecting Venereal Matter, I have not had the opportunity of making ſuch fine and curious Experiments, as are done by the Learned Dr. *Mead*, upon the Poiſon of the Viper: But that it doth contain ſharp pungent Salts is not to be denied from its effects, tho' not comparable in fineneſs, to that of the Viper which renders its Action leſs Volatile, and more Inclinable to fix or ſtay upon the part its firſt thrown upon, and there produce Ulcers, &c. Notwithſtanding I have ſaid that the Difference of Poiſons may tolerably be reduced to their greater or leſs Volatility, yet I know at the ſame time that their main Difference conſiſts in the various Figures

gures of their Salts, otherwiſe thoſe of an equal Volatility would always have the ſame effect, as would likewiſe thoſe of a more fixed or leſs Active quality: But this being not very much to the matter in hand, I ſhall take no further notice of it here.

The nature of this Pockey ferment is ſuch that being mixed with any of the Juices in a Human Body it Corrupts them, and in time converts them into a Virus as Malignant as it ſelf; but how this is done, is not ſo eaſily imagined. The learned Gentleman laſt mention'd, hath excellently explained how the Poiſon of a Viper propogates it ſelf in the Blood, by pricking the Glabules or Veſiculæ floating in the cerous part thereof, and letting out their Impriſon'd Subſtance which then will be an active Vehicle to thoſe Acute Salts, and help to reſtore to them their Decreaſing force, and thus to continue their effects, till a great part of the Liquor fermented undergoes

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in ſome Degree the like alteration. And why may not the Caſe be the ſame in Venereal Infections? Only with this Difference, that variety of Salts cauſe different Prickings and Agitations in the Blood, and according to their bulk figure and motion will excite different Fermentations, which being no other than Changes made in the Cohæſion of the compounding Particles, are capable of as many Alterations as its poſſible to think or Imagine.

Let us next conſider how this Infectious matter Seiſes upon the parts of the *Urethra* in order to produce a Virulent *Gonorrhœa*. And firſt from the Nature of Poiſon in General, 'Tis very Obvious that if once its Particles enter the Maſs of Blood, they will ſooner or later Exert their Qualities, if not prevented by Medicine: And from thence I aſſert, that all Venereal Matter or Slime is Infectious upon any part of the Body, in proportion to the thinneſs of the Skin, and

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ſoftneſs of the part, and openneſs of the Pores; I mean if ſuffered to remain long there. Thus we ſee a ſound Nurſe Infected by a Pockey Child by bare Contact. I knew a Young Woman lately who was Severely Poxed by Dry Nurſing a Child Infected. The Diſtemper firſt ſhewed it ſelf in the Glands of her Throate, and being neglected ſhe had afterwards Violent Nocturnal Pains with Nodes upon her Shins, &c. And this muſt be imputed to her frequent kiſſing that Child; for I was not able by any Means to Informe my ſelf to the Contrary. And this will farther appeare by the following Arguments, *viz.*

It is a General Obſervation, that thoſe Men whoſe Glands or End of the Penis is always covered by the foreskin, except in times of Erection do more eaſily take the Infection, than thoſe whoſe Prepuce is always turned back,

and the Reaſon is, becauſe where the Glans is always kept bare, the Pores are more Contracted by the Cold, and ſo leſs Suſceptible of the Poiſon; Not that I would adviſe any Man to Circumciſe himſelf by way of Prevention, I have had many Patients ſeverely Clapt, who have aſſured me, that they neither Entered the *Labia pudendi* or Emitted any ſeed, and therefore the Infection muſt be occaſioned by the bare contact of ſome Venereal matter, about the *Pudenda*. A Certain late Writer tells us, he knew a Gentleman who was Infected by a Common Jilt's putting her finger into her Vagina, and beſmearing his Penis with a Pockey ſlime from thence: And from theſe Reaſons probably it was that ſo many Authors have Contrived Lotions of various kinds with Fomentations, and other Topical Applications to ſecure Perſons from the Infection, by pre-

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venting its Entering the Blood; *Fallopius* commends a Fomentation, *Jacob Catan. de Morb. Gall. Cap.* 4. Advises the Application of Soap, Chalk, Mithridate, &c. *Prosp. Bong. Method. de Morb. Gall*, says a simple Washing the Parts with warm Water soon after the Infection is sufficient. How trifling these things may seem to some Persons I know not, but could the Poisonous matter be removed before it makes any Impression upon the parts so as to affect the Juices, the party would be entirely secured from the Distemper, and this in my opinion would be best done by my Injection for it is Reasonable that Liquor which hath power to Eradicate the Distemper when it hath Actually seized the Urethra or Vagina in Women, may with much more ease wash off or Mortify a Local Poison before it hath wrought its effects upon the parts. But this will appear more

probable if we consider the manner how, and the Parts which that Poison generally first Seizes. And that is best Discovered by Enquiring into the first Symptoms of the Disease. In order thereunto it will not be improper first to give a Short Account of the *Glans*, and *Urethra* in Men and the *Vagina* and *Matrix* in Women.

The end or head of the Penis is called the Glans and is of a soft Spongy and Glandulous Substance, and covered with a very thin Membrane, produced from the Internal one of the Urethra, which coming out of its hollow dilates it self, so as to Cover its whole Substance.

The Urethra is all that Pipe or Passage reaching from the Glans to the Neck of the Bladder. It doth consist of two thin Membranes betwixt which is placed a soft Spungeous and Glandulous Substance it hath several perforations

forations through which many Glands discharge a slimy sort of Mucus: These Parts have Veins, Arteries, and Nerves in common with the other parts of the Penis, and Lymphatick Vessels which Empty themselves into the Inguinal Glands.

The Vagina in Women, is that passage in which the Penis is as it were sheathed in Coition, and is made up of two Membranes, the Outer Carnous and Fleshy, the Inward nervous and Wrinkled, and betwixt these is placed a spungy and Glandulous Substance which hath many Excretory Ducts gaping into its inward Cavity.

The Uterus or Womb is that part of a Woman wherein Conception is made, and hath two Membranes, the Outward is strong and Double arising from the *Peritonæum*, the Inner being proper is Fibrous, and more porous betwixt these two is placed a sort of a Carnous

and Fibrous Substance: Both these parts in Women have Veins, Arteries and Nerves, partly from the same Branches; but their Lymphæducts empty themselves into the common Receptacle, and not into the Inguinal Glands as those of the Penis do, which may be the Reason that Women are not so Subject to Bubo's or Swellings in the Groine as Men are: But of this I shall say something in another place.

We are now to Enquire into the first Symptoms of a Gonorrhæa or Clap, call it which you please. A Man then that hath had to do with a Pockey Woman (according to my best Observation) first Discovers some more than Ordinary Itching about the Glans or Prepuce, and this may happen in a day or two, sooner or later according to the malignity of the Infection, and the Person's particular Constitution, and is indeed so slight

a Symptome as is often disregarded by the Patient. At this time, surely nothing is more reasonable than a possibility of preventing any farther encrease or progress of that Poison, by an Outward Application: And tho' I must Confess I never made use of my Injection by way of Prevention in these Cases, yet I am very Confident, by a due Application, it could hardly fail our Expectations. Though I should rather advise a more early use of it, I mean Immediately after the Embraces of a Person Infected, for doubtless the longer any Malignant Slime remains upon the Genital Parts, the greater Risque doth the Person run of getting the Infection. I would therefore advise all those as have had the Misfortune to be concerned in such folly, to wash the parts with my Detersive Injection, and cast up some of it twice a Day into the Urethra or Vagina according to the

Printed Directions; which I assure you I never knew once to fail in the Cure of a Virulent *Gonorrhœa*, and have a strong opinion, that in these Cases it would be effectually, the probability of which will yet farther appear in the remaining part of this Discourse. But to returne.

The Itching mentioned above is soon after attended with an Inflamation, or some small Pustules near to the Orifice which are succeeded by a Pain, Heat, and Smarting in the Urine, and a little after that a thick Purulent Matter may be squeesed out of the Yard, and this is called a Virulent *Gonorrhœa* or Running of the Reins: But the Poison doth not in all Persons appear with the same Symptomes; In some of the Glans is for the most part made the Scene of the Tragedy being over run with Chankers, *&c.* In others the Prepuce suffers most as in the *Phymosis* and

and *Parphymosis*; in some again the Glands of the Groine are Tumified, and Inflamed, though to speake truly, I rarely see these Accidents without the concomitancy of a *Gonorrhœa*; but be that as it will, as long as they are only Local Distempers no way affecting the Mass of Blood every Practitioner must know they may be Cured by External Applications.

The Efficient cause of a Virulent Running, (as may be easily gathered from the Natural or common Progress of the Infection) must consist in the Motion of those sharp Venereal Salts, which they begin to Exert their Quality upon the Infected part they do it gently and slowly, as it were by a kind of Tickling, which excites in the Nervous Fibres a sence of Itching: But as it gets more force and strength by its Fermentative Quality increased by the warmth or heat of the part, which now begins to be more than ordinary, (the natural effect of gentle Friction in any part) it exerts its self

with more Vigor, and the Perſon is made more ſenſible of it by pricking, and darting pains in the Urethra, the Immediate forerunners of an Ulceration there, from whence ſoon after is diſcharged a Purulent, Stinking and Poiſonous matter.

Let us farther Conſider that the outer thin Skin, or covering of the Glans is (as ſaid before) only a continuation of the inward Membrane of the Urethra, and that being once affected, how eaſie is it for the Poiſonous Ferment in a manner inſenſibly to creep up its ſmall Fibres, even to the Neck of the Bladder? And therefore no wonder that *Gonorrhœas* are the moſt common conſequents of Pockey Embraces: And I believe I may boldly ſay, that it is ſcarcely one time in a Thouſand, but that this part hath it's ſhare in the Infection: For indeed how ſhould it be otherwiſe? If we conſider how that Parte, I mean the Glans is more expoſed to the Danger than any other can be, ſeveral ways, as from its

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ſoft and looſe Texture, and the thinneſs of its covering which are therefore more eaſily penetrated, by the Poiſonous ferment which this part muſt touch upon, and Infricate the inner Membrane of the Vagina, the whole length, or at leaſt in proportion to its Admiſſion into that Paſſage, ſo that whether the Venereal Ulcers or Infectious matter lye ſhallow or more Deep even within the inward Orifice, this part in all Reſpects is moſt likely to be made the firſt Sufferer.

As to the manner of Women taking the Infection there is no room to Queſtion; but that it is one of theſe two ways *viz.* It is either immediately conveyed by the Man into the Vagina or parts of the Uterus in Copulation, (I mean where it produces a *Gonorrhœa*) and then it acts as Yeſt, or as we Daily ſee what ever is thrown out from Liquors in a Fermentation, are Capable of inducing the like Motions in any Liquors of the ſame kind when once mixed with them, which theſe

by their Corroſive Quality upon the ſollid parts will ſoone be, or elſe it is the Effect of a Variety of Semen caſt into the ſame Matrix, and there fermented into ſuch a kind of Leven. For if the Difference of all kind of Liquors doth only conſiſt in the particular Union, Connexion, Attraction or Adhæſion (call it what you will) of its Compounding Particles as it moſt certainly doth, I ſee no Reaſon but that a Variety of Semen in the Matrix may have its Compounding Particles ſo altered diſunited or fermented as to produce ſuch a Poiſon; and this I am the more Inclinable to believe by what is often ſeene in Dogs. Dr. *Harvey* is of opinion that this Diſeaſe is common to Dogs; he tells us he ſaw a little Curr in *Holland*, that had a Virulent Running of the Reins, with ſeveral Cruſty Ulcers upon his Body. He ſays farther that in *Italy* many refrain Eating Turkeys, becauſe a great Number of them are found to be Infected with the Pox: and I have many times

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Obſerved a Dribling of the Urine with a bloody and Purulent Matter, iſſuing from the Penis of ſeveral Dogs after their Congreſs with a hot Bitch. But to proceed this Poiſonous and Fermentative matter having once gotten poſſeſſion either of the Urethra in Men or the Vagina, &c. In Women ſo Irritates or Stimnlates their Fibres as to Cauſe a very large diſcharge of a ſharp and Acrimonious Liquor, even larger than might reaſonably be expected from thoſe parts: But here we may ſoon ceaſe our Admiration as to that matter, if we do but conſider the effect of an *Epiſpaſtick*, applyed to any part of the Body, the Acrimonious and ſtimulating Quality, of which is found to Evacuate a Liquor Ten thouſand times more in Quantity, than what that part Naturally diſcharged it ſelf by Perſpiration. So likewiſe we ſee in Tumors or Ulcers of the Glands in Scrophulous Caſes, vaſt Quantities of their corrupted Juices Running forth. But theſe matters are ſo well handled by Dr. *Cockborne*, Dr. *Nicholſon*, and others that

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it is but loſt Time farther to inſiſt upon them. I ſhall therefore proceed to Conſider the Grounds, and Reaſonableſs of the common Methods generally uſed in the Cure of a Virulent *Gonorrhœa*. And that I may do this as regularly as I can, I ſhall fix upon none of the meaneſt Authors in this Practiſe: But Mr. Serjeant *Wiſeman*, whoſe method hath been conſtantly allowed to be very good, if not equal to the beſt of thoſe who have wrote upon this Subject, his Method I ſay, I ſhall Enquire into as being (I ſuppoſe) the beſt and moſt generally followed, though not excluſive of others, Mr. *Wiſeman* tells us, (as moſt other Authors do) that there are three Intentions in the Cure of a Virulent *Gonorrhœa*: But as that Gentlemans firſt Intention is only *Diætetical*, I ſhall paſs that by, and proceeded to what more immediately hath relation to the Diſeaſe it ſelf, and here I find are three Intentions; the Firſt is to carry off the Virulent Humours, the Second to heal the Ulcerated parts, and the

the Third to Corroborate or Strengthen their Relaxed Fibres.

The *First* of these is commonly accompliſh'd by a Purgative Courſe, which is generally obſerv'd to increaſe the Running, and if it be in a Degree ſuperior to that of the Infecting Poiſon, will waſh or force that Poiſon out of the part along with the corrupted Liquor, the way it firſt made its entrance. That this is Fact, (I think) we have little room to Doubt; but pray then let us conſider, whether this Intention may not better be Effected otherways, the Poſſibility of which will moſt certainly appear by the following Conſiderations.

And *Frſt*, Suppoſing that the Malignity of the Pox, doth conſiſt in a Poiſonous Corroſive Ferment, (as is already obſerved,) and which is all along proved by its Effects beyond the Probality of Contradiction: Now the Learned Dr. *Mead* tells us that although there be a great variety of Poiſons, as well Vege-

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table, as Mineral, and Animal, yet they all ſeeme to agree, as to their primary Effects and manner of operation, and therefore conſequently muſt in ſome meaſure admit of the ſame Method of Cure. As for inſtance, ſuppoſe a Perſon Bitten by a Viper or Mad-Dog; or any Cauſtical Poiſon applyed to an External Part, or caſt up into the Urethra or Vagina, what would be the firſt thing to be undertaken? Why, no doubt, a Removal of that Poiſonous matter by the eaſieſt and quickeſt Method; which cannot by any manner of appearance of Reaſon be imagined to be that of a Daily Purgiug Courſe; but on the contrary in ſome of them would be more likely to Attract the Poiſon farther into the Blood, as ſometimes happens by irregular Purging in a *Gonorrhaa*. No I ſay, Purging cannot be the Method, but on the Contrary all poſſible Applications are to be made to the Parts affected; to Wounds made

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by Poiſonous Bites Scarification with Cupping ought immediately to be uſed, and all, other meaſures taken in order to Attract or force out the Poiſon; where Cauſtical Poiſons are applyed externally a Remittence of the Accidents ariſeing from thence cannot be expected before the Removal of the Prime Cauſe. So in like manner, was *Aq; fort* or any other Poiſonous Liquor caſt up into the Urethra, no doubt but that the moſt propet and Speedy way to Releive it, would be by ſuitable Injections, and yet a poor unfortunate Sinner ſuffering by a Venereal Poiſon ſhall be denied all theſe reaſonable Methods, and that forſooth out of an Old muſty Notion which hath neither Reaſon nor any foundation to ſupport it, ſaving that of a Common Method. But ſuppoſing Secondly a Common Courſe, of Purging in all theſe Caſes may in ſome Meaſure tend to throw off

the Malignity, yet ſince it is very plain and Evident that that may be Effected by other Methods more ſafely, Eaſily and Speedily, I can ſee no Reaſon why a Patient ſhould be ſo harraſed, have his Stomach ſo weakned, and even his whole Conſtitution ſo ſhocked, as perhaps not to be recovered in ſome Years, nay ſome weakly People Probably never get over it; but ſuffer their whole Lives afterwards. I have known a Perſon Purged into a Hectical Fever, and though he was recovered by a Milk Diet, &c. Yet it was not without great Difficulty. But farther.

The good Effects of a proper Injection (ſuch as mine is) do really run paralel with the good Effects of Purging in every Reſpect, only with this Difference that my Injection ſhall Effect more in a Day or two than can be done by Purging in Ten Days; and all that without any Pain (Except a little

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ſmarting upon its firſt uſe) Diſturbance or the leaſt hindrance of Buſſineſs whatſoever. This Injection generally Increaſes the Running, and at the ſame time Mortifies the Malignity; but if the Infection doth not Run high, or hath not been of any very long continuance the Running is not Increaſed, but however ſhall appeare thinner and Whiter, and that in a Day or two's time which (every Practitioner knows) are very great Symptoms of Amendment: In ſome very light Infections I have known the Running in that time totally to Diſappear; which Different Effects I ſuppoſe are reducible to one of theſe three Cauſes, *viz.* Firſt where the Infection is great, there the Venereal Salts muſt either be Increaſed in Quantity or Quality, and in this Caſe a Mutual Conflict will happen betwixt thoſe and the Particles of the Injection, by which means the Fibres will be more

Irritated, Stimulated or provoked to throw out their contained Juices, and conſequently the Running is Increaſed: But where the Injection meets with a leſs oppoſition the Poiſonous Salts are with leſs Diſturbance to the part Broken and Mortify'd, and ſo probably the Running not at all Encreaſed, and ſo on, where the Infection is very ſlight the Stimulating Quality in the affected parts will be in a like proportion, and conſepuently the Diſeaſe Cured in a Day or Two. And theſe are the very ſame Effects which every Practitioner daily meets with, from the moſt regular Purging Courſes. So far is there an exact Paralel betwixt theſe two Methods: And therefore I Say, who in his ſences, would ſuffer this Body to be harraſed after ſuch a manner, when the beſt that can be expected from thence is no more, than what may Eaſily be procured upon far better Terms?

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And this again leads me to take Notice of the Reaſonableneſs of what I hinted before, *viz.* Of making uſe of this Injection immediately after any Pockey Embraces, which cannot be thought or Expected from any Internal courſe whatever, becauſe it's impoſſible that the Pockey, Poiſonous Salts ſhould be any way affected thereby, until they have Joyned themſelves with the Juices of the Part: But Enough of this.

I ſhall therefore advance to the Second Intention which is to heal the Ulcerated Parts, and here Mr. *Wiſeman* ſays, the Virulency removed, the Uſe of Turpentine, *&c.* Comes in Requeſt: Which is indeed a good Medicine in theſe Caſes if well Timed; but of late hath loſt the greateſt part of its Reputation, (I think chiefly through its Tell tale Quality in the Piſpot,) and another kind of Turpentine Subſtituted or brought in its Roome, commonly called

called Balſam of *Cobæiba* or *Capivi* which in Time doth often Anſwer the Intention: But when the Virulency is removed we have no occaſion to conſider the remaining Part, any otherwiſe than as a common Sore, Wound, or Ulcer, and I pray whoever in ſuch Caſes aduiſed ſuch an Internal Courſe where Immediate Application could be made to the part afflicted. But it may here be Objected that we often meet with Wounds and Ulcers in the External Parts of the Body: And where we can make our Applications as we pleaſe yet are frequently Obliged to have Recourſe to the Aſſiſtance of Internal Remedies, all which I grant to be true, but at the ſame time do not think this hath any relation to our preſent purpoſe, any otherwiſe than as a *Gonorrhœa* may happen in a Perſon of an Ill Habitt of Body; and by that means the Cure may be protraced to a

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greater length of Time, but pray Conſider where we meet with an External Wound in one Perſon that requires Internal Remedies, we meet with a hundred that do not: And as to External and ill conditioned Ulcers, they (every one knows) are the effect of a bad Conſtitution, or Ill Habit of Body, and conſequently do require an Amendment of that Firſt. But however, what Rational Perſon in either of theſe Caſes would Adviſe a Courſe of Phyſick without (at the ſame time) making uſe of Proper Applications to the part affected? The Reaſonableneſs of which will yet farther appear if we conſider.

Firſt, (As I have ſaid before) that the Running in a *Gonorrhœa*, was increaſed by the Stimulus in the part partly excited by the Malignity, and party by Purging or Injections: And if ſo, no Doubt but that the Parts are mightily heated and Diſordered, even after the

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Expulsion of the Poison: And Medicines given by the Mouth can possibly Effect those Parts but two several ways, and that is as being either Mixed with the Urine, and so Washing the Ulcerated Parts that way, or else as being mixed with the Circulating Juices in the Ulcerated Parts. The former of these I take to be the most Common, the whole Tribe of Medicines generally made use of in this Intention being Diureticks; and as such, what Mighty Effects is it Reasonable to expect from them. If they are Still to be Convey'd by so hot sharp and Salt a Liquor as is the Urine, which will Naturally create a Smarting and uneasiness in Sores upon any other parts of the Body of far less Tenderness than is that of the *Urethra*.

Or let us Consider them as Balsamicks only indeed with a Soft Sanative or healing Quality, such as are Capable

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or healing Quality, ſuch as are Capable of Allaying the Stimulus, Sheathiug and Smoothing the ſharp Particles of the Juices and unbending the diſtorted Fibres in the part I ſay Conſidering all this I do not ſee any Reaſon why we ſhould Nauſe ate our Patients Stomachs with ungrateful Potions Bolus's &c. When we may apply Medicines partakeing of all theſe Qualities immediately to the Parts with as much Certainty Nay (I beleive I may ſay) with Ten times more Certainty then can be imagined or Expected from any Internals: for as often as I have uſed my Balſamick Injection (which is not poſſible for me to Enumerate) I cannot ſay that I ever knew it fail, in produceing the Deſired Effects in (I think) near as few *Days* as the other Method generally requires *Weeks*. As a farther Confirmation of this give me leave to Inſtance the following Obſervation.

About Three or Four Years ago I was Conſulted in the Cure of an Ulcer in the Neck of the Blader. It was in a Man of

about Three or Four and Thirty Years of Age: he had almoſt a conſtant Motion, to make Water upon him, inſomuch that he was Obliged to Riſe Thirty or Forty times a Night, and then could ſeldom make above a few Drops of Water at a time. I freqvently viewed that, and always found a Sediment of a Purulent Matter in the Bottom of it: he had been under the Care of Severall great Men, and had gone through all the Regular Courſes commonly known in thoſe Caſes: For which Reaſon I was Reſolved to try the Force of my Injections, and accordingly ſent him the firſt named, and ſhewed him how to Convey it into the Bladder: When he had uſed two or three Bottles of that, I ſent him one of my Balſamick Injections which being in like manner repeated as the former, wrought a perfect Cure, and the Perſon hath continued well ever ſince, which is a clear Demonſtration of the vaſt Difference there is between Internals, and

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Medicines immediately applyed to the affected Parts.

The *Third* and laſt Intention is, (as I have ſaid) to Corroborate or Strengthen the Relaxed Fibres. And here Mr. *Wiſeman* tells uſ If by ſome of the foreſaid Medicaments the *Gonorrhœa* be not perfectly Cured, you may preſcribe Aſtringents: The time of giving them is in the very Declination of it, when there only appeareth a little thin Wateriſh Humour which glueth the Entrance of the Urethra.

Aſtringents given by the Mouth are generally obſerved to produce their Effects, one of theſe three ways, that is, they either carry off the Seroſities by ſome of their wonted Paſſages, as Urine, Sweat, Stoole, *&c.* Or elſe by Abſorbing them leſſens the Watery Part of the Blood, or Thirdly by Deſtroying or Fettering the Acids, which conſtantly galled the Weak Parts, reſtore them to their former Tone. But what is this to our purpoſe. A Perſon that has undergone a long Courſe of

Purging can hardly be Supposed to have his Blood over run with Serosities: And therefore little is to be Expected upon the Two first Accounts; neither do I think there is much to be Expected from the Third Because these sharp Salts may likewise be imagined to be carried off or destroyed by the two former Intentions: But however, be that as it will it matters not much, since all Rational Men must own that an Immediate Application to the Parts affected of Proper Astringents or Corroborating Medicines, must in all Respects have the Preference.

Let us once againe suppose a Sanious, or Moist Ulcer upon any of the External Parts Occasioned by a Flabbiness, Looseness, or Weakness of the Fibres, how long, think you, might we persist in the Internal use of Astringents before we should find it Answer our Purpose. Whereas on the other hand, where such Medicines are Judiciously Applyed to the Ulcer it self, we Daily find their Effects

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Anſwer our Expectations. In my Opinion this way of Applying Medicines in a *Gonorrhœa* hath been very little Practiſed for the following Reaſons, the Firſt from the Miſtaken Notions of the Seate of the Diſeaſe in both Sexes, which I hope by this time is out of Diſpute; and the Second I take to proceed from an unskilfulneſs in making the Applications themſelves, I mean in reference to the Inſtruments, which indeed, uſed the common way, are both very frightful and Painful, but my way uſed are entirely free from both, giving the Patient no more trouble than would happen in Waſhing any External Ulcer.

And thus I have run through the whole Courſe of a *Gonorrhœa*, and hope I have convinced the Judicious Reader, that none of the Common Methods can be either ſo Safe, Eaſie, or Speedy, as is this by Local Applications to the Diſeas'd Parts; For tho' a *Gonorrhœa* may be ſaid to be a Pox of thoſe particular Parts, yet

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whilſt the Maſs of Blood remains free from its Infection, it cannot be ſaid to be a Symptome of that Diſeaſe, but an Original or Primary Diſeaſe it ſelf, attended by its own proper Symptomes as heat of Urine, Painful Erections, &c. And though in this Caſe it cannot properly be ſaid to be a Symptome of the Pox, yet it is of that Poiſonous and Fermentative Quality as in time (if neglected or ill managed) will introduce a confirmed Pox: And therefore, though I ſay, its Cure is beſt performed by Injections, yet if it hath been of any long ſtanding, or there is any fear of its having infected the Blood, it may not be improper to give the Patient a Doſe or two of Phyſick well ſuited to his Circumſtance and Conſtitution: For 'tis ſomething abſur'd to expect any Effect from Injections upon ſuch Parts as they cannot poſſibly reach. And this I muſt Confeſs, was what I did when I firſt began this new way of Practice, meerly out of Caution and a Regard

I had to my Patients Safety: But now Experience hath ſo well ſatisfied me, of its ſafety without Phyſick, that unleſs I ſee any viſible Symptoms of a farther Infection, I never give ſo much as one ſingle Doſe, and I doubt not but the ſame may be ſaid of *Chankers*, *Chryſtalines*, *Bubo's*, &c. Where they are Primary Diſeaſes, and not Symptoms of the Grand Pox. But as my Method is only ſuited to the Cure of a *Gonorrhœa*, I ſhall ſay no more of theſe at preſent; but leave every Practitioner to take what method he Pleaſes, though I think there are few but may own they have ſometime or other ſeen all theſe Cured by Topicks only.

I might here give you a great Number of Obſervations of Cures performed by this Method if it were needful: But to avoid too much tediouſneſs both to the Reader and my ſelf, ſhall only Mention a few of them.

Some Years ago, when I firſt began to Practice this new Method, a Young Man

Man of about Two and Twenty Years of Age, came and ſhewed me a *Gonorrhœa*, contracted but a few days before; I gave him my Deterſive Injection, and ſhewed him how to make uſe of it, with orders to come again to me Four Days after, which he did perfectly well: He told me, that he felt no uneaſineſs in his Water after he had uſed the Injection twice, and that the Running ſtopt the Second Day. This made me a little uneaſie, as not being yet very well Grounded in my New Method, and therefore would willingly have given him a Doſe or two of Phyſick, but he poſſitively refuſed taking any thing, ſaying he was perfectly well, and was ſure had no occaſion of any thing more: And indeed ſo it proved, for I have ſeen him many times ſince, and he has often aſſured me, he never felt more of that Diſtemper afterwards.

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This was a very healthful Young Man, and the Infection probably very ſlight, and being taken very ſoon had not much Weaken'd, or otherwiſe Injured the Parts: The like to which I have many times ſince known, and though it may ſeem a little ſtrange, yet I cannot ſay I ever ſaw any ill conſequence attend ſuch a Cure.

A Man of about Forty Years of Age (not long after this) came and ſhew'd me a Virulent Running, complaining of a heat of Urine, Painful Erections, *&c.* He told me, he had unfortunately met with a Common Woman, about three Weeks before, but that he did not find any thing amiſs with himſelf, until about a Week or nine days before he came to me. I gave him great hopes of a ſpeedy Cure by this (then New) Method, and ſhewed him how to uſe the Injection, with Orders to come to me again in four or five

Days time, which he did; but instead of being well (as the former Person was) I found the Running very much Increased in Quantity, but very White and thin, and the other Accidents but little abated, upon which I gave him the Balsamick Injection, and afterwards the Corroborating one; which finish'd the Cure in about a Week or nine days? If I had kept this Person to the use of the first Injection I might have continued his Running much longer, as I have often seen in strong Purging Courses, therefore as soon as the Running appears White and Thin, or Tenacious, we ought to proceed to the other Applications.

Not long since a Marry'd Man came and shewed me a Yellow Virulent Running, which he had met with about a Month before: And not suspecting any thing, had unhappily given it to his Wife. I gave them both proper

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per Inſtruments, and Directions which in a little time Cured them; but about a Fortnight or three Weeks after, the Woman came and complained of ſome little uneaſineſs, and deſired another Bottle of the Balſamick Injection; which in a few Days took away all her Complaints, and ſhe now continues very well, and ſo doth her Husband.

I was lately ſent for to a Gentleman of good Character, and modeſt Converſation, who ſhewed me a Yellowiſh Running in ſome Quantity, which mightily affrighted him. He proteſted he knew no Woman but his own Wife, and ſhe was a Perſon of an undoubted Character. This Gentleman had his Prepuce ſo naturally contracted over the Glans that it was not poſſible to ſee much of it, ſo that I could not Inform my ſelf whether the Matter came from the *Urethra*, or was the Effect of ſome Ulcerations about the

Glans. He had no Pain in making Water, but if I preſt any thing hard upon the Prepuce he complained of ſome Soreneſs underneath, which gave me Reaſon to think it from the latter. I therefore took ſpecial care to Waſh that Part well with my Deterſive Injection, and ſometimes caſt ſome of it up into the Urethra; by which Method, and the other two Injections he was Cured in a very ſhort time.

I am apt to think that this Gentleman's Caſe was not Venereal, but rather owing to ſome vitious Ferment in the Lymph of the Odiriferous Gland, at the end of the Penis, and ſo may be ſaid to be neareſt of Kin to the *Fluor-albus* in Women, which Ferment being deſtroy'd by the firſt Injection, the Parts were afterward healed and ſtrengthened by the two latter.

Many Years ago a very Learned and Ingenious Phyſician told me, that he

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knew a Gentleman who had ſuch a Diſeaſe upon him for (he thought) at leaſt Twenty Years, and which he was not able at that time by any means then known to Cure, though the Gentleman did not ſeem all that while to receive any Prejudice or Hurt thereby, ſaving that of ſtaining his Linnen.

About a Month ago, a Marry'd Man of about Twenty Five Years Old, came and ſhewed me a Virulent *Gonorrhæa*, proteſting he never had to do with any Woman but his own Wife, who was at that time very big with Child. I told him it was not my Buſineſs to Enquire into the manner how or from whom he got his Misfortune, but to conſider of the beſt, and ſafeſt way to get rid of his Diſtemper. Accordingly I Directed him in the uſe of the Injections, and bad him come to me in about a Week after, and not to meddle with his Wife or any one elſe in

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that time. He did ſo and found himſelf ſo well as not to want the laſt Injection, and ſo returned it to me; But about a Fortnight after he came to me again, and told me he was as Ill as ever, adding that being deſirous to know whether the Infection was from his Wife, or not, he had again lain with her about a Week before, ſo that then the poor Man was both ſatisfy'd who had been the Agreſſor, and glad to make uſe of what he had returned me before, as being oblig'd to uſe all the three Injections, but was quickly Cured.

Not many Years ago I was ſent for to a Gentleman, who had unwarily given the Diſeaſe to his Wife. They had both been under the hands of another, and he ſeemed to be Cured, and was not willing to have any thing done to him: But ſhe had a very great Running, and heat of Urine upon her. I

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ſent her my Injections with Inſtructions how to uſe them, which ſoon Cured her. But a little after when ſhe came to lye with her Husband, ſhe was again ſurprized with the former Diſorders, and ſent for me. I renewed my Courſe of Injections which ſucceeded as before, and ſhe was perfectly well; but about half a Year afterwards ſhe again became as Ill as ever, and ſending for me, told me that her Husband had again prevailed to Lye with her, I ſent her the Injections as before, and ſhe was now become very Expert in the uſe of them, and ſo was ſpeedily Cured. And theſe Accidents to the beſt of my Remembrance appear'd once or twice more upon the like Occaſion: And all this time her Huſband ſeemed to be as healthful, and free from that Diſeaſe as any Man living, and ſo continues at the writing hereof.

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That this Case was at first Venereal is not to be doubted; but I much Question whether it was so afterwards or not.

A Man of about Thirty Years of *Age* shewed me *a Gonorrhœa*, which he said had been upon him above Twelve Months, he had been under the Care of several, but not any that were able to put a Stop to the *Running*, which at that time was Yellowish, but thin and Tenacious; he had then no Pain in making Water, neither any painful Erections, nor any other ill Symptoms upon him, whence I concluded the malignity was gon, and resolved to make use of my Corroborating Injection, two Bottles of which Effectually Cured him, and he hath continued well ever since, and this to the best of my Remembrance was in the Year, 1714.

AN APPENDIX

Concerning the

WHITES IN WOMEN.

MOST Phyſicians agree that the Seate of the *Fluor albus* or the *Whites* generally ſo ſo call'd, is the *Lacunæ* or Vaginal Glands, which having contracted a Uterine, Vitious Ferment according to its different Degrees, converts the Juices of theſe Parts into an Acrimonious or ſharp Purulent

Matter, ſometimes appearing White, ſometimes Yellow, and ſometimes Greene. Theſe Vitious Juices, they ſay, are ſometimes generated in the Maſs of Blood, by means of an ill Digeſtion in the Stomach, and thrown upon theſe Glands. If ſo, why may not other Glands of the Body be affected as well as they? For though in theſe Caſes there are many evident Symptomes of a *Cachexia*, yet were they rightly inquired into, I doubt not, but that they may with as great parity of Reaſon be ſaid to be the Effects of Exceſſive Evacuations; the cheif of which are theſe, *a pale Face, want of Appetite, Pain in the Back*, and a *Swelling of the Legs or Feet*: But I would ask all thoſe, who have or have had this Diſeaſe, whether theſe were before or after the Running? If they were before, it is reaſonable to beleive the Cauſe of the one might be likewiſe the Cauſe of the other: But if after it, then moſt probably theſe were the Effects of an Exceſſive Evacuation: And I am enclinable to think if you were to

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Enquire into this Particular Caſe, there is ſcarcely one Woman in a Hundred, but will tell you, that before they had this Diſeaſe, (I mean the Whites) their Complexion and Stomach were good: Neither had they pain in the Back, or Swelling in their Legs or Feet, but on the contrary, ſince that Evacuation hath been upon them the other Misfortunes gradually followed; as indeed ſeems moſt Probable for the following Reaſons. And,

Firſt, A Paleneſs of the Face is an inſeperable concomitant of all manner of Exceſſive Evacuations of any kind: So likewiſe is a want of Appetite. And though a Swelling of the Feet or Legs is not always ſo, yet they generally are the Effects of a Weakneſs of one kind or other, ſo that the greateſt difficulty ſeems to lie in diſcovering, whether the Whites are moſt commonly the Effects of Weakneſs, or Weakneſs the Effect of the Whites: If the former why then are luſty ſtrong Women ſo often affected, nay more often generally ſpeaking than weak Women,

and that too in the flower of their Youth, Monthly, for ſome Days before their Menſes appear? And this is ſo general that I beleive few Young and healthful Women are otherwiſe: Which proceeds from a Redundancy of that Mucus Lymph in thoſe Glands, which a little before the Monthly Periods, is more plentifully diſcharg'd by a greater concourſe of Blood and Spirits at that time, ſent to the Parts.

On the other hand I would appeal to the Women themſelves, who in this particular are the beſt Judges, whether there are not many weak Women who never had this Diſeaſe in their lives: Which is the more reaſonable to beleive, as not having thoſe Glands ſo replete with ſuch Juices, which by many great Men have been thought to be a kind of Seed, and as ſuch ejected with pleaſure in Coitu, and not a bare Excrementitious Lymph only to Lubricate and ſoften the Parts.

But ſuppoſe the Fibres of theſe Glands in ſome weak Women, are ſo looſe as

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not to retain that Liquor which may ſometimes happen, and then the Matter of the Running from from ſuch a Cauſe muſt be Smooth, White and Tenacious, as that Liquor is which is commonly on the contrary found to be Purulent Yellow and Fætid: But again let us imagine that Liquor vitiated in Quality, and that either in the Maſs of Blood or in the Glands themſelves: The firſt would be downright nonſence, becauſe there is no ſuch Lipuor in the Maſs of Blood, being Elaborated or made in thoſe Glands by a peculiar Faculty Inherent therein. Every one knows that the difference of all kind of Liquors doth conſiſt in the different Union or Cohæſion of its compounding Particles, and if thoſe Particles (in this particular Caſe) were ſo depraved in the Maſs of Blood, as not to be fermented to that height of Perfection, as in better Conſtitutions of Body, yet the Liquor in thoſe Glands would hardly be diſcovered by the Eye to be any way faulty, and therefore it neceſſarily follows that

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the Alterations made in that Liquor muſt be in thoſe Glands.

It may here be Asked how this Liquor is ſo Corrupted, or altered in thoſe Glands. To which I Anſwer, that all the Glands of the Body ſeperate, or make their particular Juices, either by Percolation or Fermentation, or both: By the firſt only they cannot, becauſe thereby its compounding Particles cannot be altered in Relation to their Natural Union: Neither can they altogether by the Second, without having firſt a ſufficient Quantity of Proper Matter ſent to them from the Maſs of Blood, which being done, the Glands by a particular Quality Inherent therein, do convert the Matter ſo ſent to them into this, or that particular Juice or Liquor. Thus is the Saliva ſeparated in the Glands of the Mouth, the Pus or Snot in the Noſe, the Semen in the Teſtes, the Milk in the Breaſts, and the Matter of the Whites in the Lacunæ or Vaginal Glands: But if the natural Fermentative Quality of

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the Glands be any way depraved or altered, then Putrifactive Ferments are excited, whoſe Acrimonious Particles ſtimulating the Fibres, are the Cauſe of a Copious diſcharge of ſtinking and Corrupted Juices.

Again if we conſider the ſoftneſs Looſeneſs and Moſtneſs of the Vagina, and what Fluxes of all kind of Humours it is Subject to, ſo as in ſome meaſure to be made the Sinke of the whole Body, it will not be ſtrange if upon a ſtagnation of ſuch, Putrefactive Ferments ariſe which no doubt are the true Continent Cauſe or *Sine qua non* of a diſcolour'd and Fætid *Fluor albus*. As to the Cure of this Diſeaſe I ſhall not trouble the Reader with a Recital of the Methods ſeverally made uſe of, but take the Indications from the preſent Theory: And then they are but two, *viz.* Firſt to Mortifie or Deſtroy the Vitious Ferment in the Parts Affected, and Secondly to Remedy the ill Conſequences thereof, ſuch as Relaxations or Ulcerations of the Parts with the

the other General Attendants as Weakneſs, want of Appetite, &c.

As to the Firſt, ſince it is plain by what is ſaid that the Diſeaſe is Local, it muſt be allowed, that Topical Applications at leaſt muſt have the preference, though according to the common Method they are rarely mention'd, if we conſider the vaſt alteration, and Changes that Medicines taken by the Mouth muſt under-go before they can poſſibly reach the Parts Affected, I cannot ſee any great Reaſon we have to expect any mighty feats from them.

Vitious Ferments can be altered or deſtroy'd, but one of theſe two ways, *i. e.* either by altering the natural Cohæſion of its Fermenting Particles, or by breaking, blunting, or by ſome way ſheathing or intangling its active Salts, which being once done, and the Morbifick Matter brought freely to Diſcharge it ſelf, we have gained our firſt Intention: And this I never knew my Deterſive or Cleanſing Injection fail Effectually to do, being

being made uſe of according to the Printed Directions.

Which brings us to the Second Indication, *viz.* to remedy the Ill conſequences thereof, and theſe are firſt, either Ulcerations or Relaxations of the Part.

That ſuch a ſharp and Acrimonious Liquor as we ſee frequently Running in the Whites, is capable of Excoriating or Ulcerating the Parts, (I ſuppoſe) is a Matter not to be diſputed: And if ſo what is more naturally Indicated than ſmoothing, and Balſamick or healing Medicines immediately applyed: And ſuch is my Balſamick or healing Injection; which I will Ingage ſhall do more in two days, than any internal Medicines whatſoever in ſo many Weeks; provided the Parts are firſt well Cleanſed, and the Vitious Ferment Deſtroy'd by the Deterſive Injection, as I have already obſerv'd.

The Balſamick Injection being uſed (as may be ſeen in the Printed Directi-

ons) I never knew once to fail in removing all manner of Soreneſs, and Tenderneſs in thoſe Parts: And as for any Laxity or Weakneſs in the Fibres, thoſe are afterwards to be Remedied by proper Corroboratives and Aſtringents; and of ſuch ſort no doubt, but a great many very good ones may be given by the Mouth: But the beſt of them all uſed that way cannot in any Degree be compared with thoſe Topically apply'd for Reaſons plain, and Obvious to every underſtanding. And tho' we have (as I may ſay) a vaſt, nay almoſt Infinite Number of ſuch Medicines, which ſeem to be well Adapted to ſuch uſes, yet I poſitively Declare that I could never meet with any, that in all Reſpect was ſo well Qualified for the Corroborating, and Strengthening theſe Particular Parts (in both Sexes) as that of mine is; and therefore ſhall recommend its uſe after the two former above all things hitherto known.

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As for the other common Attendants of the Diſeaſe, *viz.* Weakneſs, want of Appetite, *&c.* I ſhall not trouble the Reader or my ſelf much about them, ſuppoſing that the Cauſe of theſe being taken away, they will Ceaſe in Courſe: But ſuch as are not ſatisfied with this, may have Recourſe to Stomachicks, Nouriſhing and Strengthning Diet, *&c.* Which no doubt will help them to their Strength ſooner, but I rarely ſee any that have much Occaſion of any thing more than my three Injections.

I might here proceed to ſay ſomething of a *Simple Gonorrhœa* in Men, which *Etmuller* ſaith is ſometimes diſcolour'd Sharp, Stinking, and attended by Pain, and other Symptomes, but not Occaſioned by Venereal Actions, or pertaking of any Venereal Virulency, but Correſponds to the Whites in Women, and is called by ſome *Gonorrhœa Catarrhalis.* He ſuppoſes they proceed from a Relaxation, or Ulceration of the Proſtatæ,

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their Corrupted Juices, as in the
Case, the Glands of the Eyes, or those
in the Throat are wont to do.
: I shall not Inlarge upon this pre-
sent, only tell you that I have had many
Patients with *Gonorrhœa's*, who have
protested they never knew any Woman
in all their Lives: But not Regarding
such Protestations, I always pursued
my own Methods, and never once fail-
ed in the Cure of them, neither do
think I ever shall.

FINIS.

ERRATA.

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